



**House Bill No. 7167**

**Public Act No. 07-157**

**AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF MEMBERS  
OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND THE  
CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 19a-88b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

(a) (1) Notwithstanding section 19a-14 or any other provision of the general statutes relating to continuing education or refresher training, the Department of Public Health shall renew a license, certificate, permit or registration issued to an individual pursuant to chapters 368d, 368v, 371 to 378, inclusive, 379a to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a and 400c that becomes void pursuant to section 19a-88 or 19a-195b while the holder of the license, certificate, permit or registration is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, or such holder is a member of the National Guard ordered out by the Governor for military service, not later than [six months] one year from the date of discharge from active duty or ordered military service, upon completion of any continuing education or refresher training required to renew a license, certificate, registration or permit that has not become void pursuant to section 19a-88 or 19a-195b. A licensee applying for license renewal pursuant to this [section]

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subdivision shall submit an application on a form prescribed by the department and other such documentation as may be required by the department.

(2) Notwithstanding section 19a-14 or any other provisions of the general statutes relating to continuing education, the Department of Public Health shall renew a license issued to an individual pursuant to chapter 370 that becomes void pursuant to section 19a-88 while the holder of the license is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, not later than one year from the date of discharge from active duty, upon completion of twenty-five contact hours of continuing education that meet the criteria set forth in subsection (b) of section 20-10b. A licensee applying for license renewal pursuant to this subdivision shall submit an application on a form prescribed by the department and other such documentation as may be required by the department.

(3) Notwithstanding section 19a-14 or any other provision of the general statutes relating to continuing education, the Department of Public Health shall renew a license issued to an individual pursuant to chapter 379 that becomes void pursuant to section 19a-88 while the holder of the license is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, not later than one year from the date of discharge from active duty, upon completion of twelve contact hours of continuing education that meet the criteria set forth in subsection (b) of section 20-126c. A licensee applying for license renewal pursuant to this subdivision shall submit an application on a form prescribed by the department and other such documentation as may be required by the department.

(4) Notwithstanding section 19a-14 or any other provision of the general statutes relating to continuing education, the Department of Public Health shall renew a license issued to an individual pursuant to chapter 381a that becomes void pursuant to section 19a-88 while the

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holder of the license is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, not later than one year from the date of discharge from active duty, upon completion of six contact hours of continuing education that meet the criteria set forth in section 20-162r. A licensee applying for license renewal pursuant to this subdivision shall submit an application on a form prescribed by the department and other such documentation as may be required by the department.

(b) The provisions of this section [do] shall not apply to reservists or National Guard members on active duty for annual training that is a regularly scheduled obligation for reservists or members of the National Guard for training that is not a part of mobilization.

(c) No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant (1) against whom professional disciplinary action is pending, or (2) who is the subject of an unresolved complaint.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, each executive branch agency, department, board, commission or official, other than the Department of Public Health or the State Board of Education, responsible for the issuance of a license, certificate, permit or registration required by the general statutes for the practice of a profession shall renew the license, certificate, permit or registration issued to an individual which expires while the individual is (1) on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, or (2) a member of the National Guard when ordered out by the Governor for military service. Such renewal shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of such individual's discharge from active duty or ordered military service, or until the date the individual successfully renews the license in accordance with this section and the general statutes, whichever occurs first. Such individual applying for renewal of a license, certificate, permit or registration shall submit to the agency, department, board, commission or official such documentation as may be required by such

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agency, department, board, commission or official.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to reservists or National Guard members on active duty for annual training that is a regularly scheduled obligation for reservists or members of the National Guard for training which is not a part of mobilization.

Sec. 3. Section 10-146b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

(a) Any person who holds a provisional educator or provisional teaching certificate or held such certificate within one year of application for extension of such certificate and is unable to complete the requirements for a professional educator certificate within the period required, or any person who holds a professional educator certificate or held such certificate within one year of application for extension of such certificate and is unable to complete the requirements for continuation of such professional educator certificate within the period required may appeal to said board for an extension of the applicable period for good cause and said board, if it finds a hardship exists in the case of such person or if it finds an emergency situation because of a shortage of certified teachers in the school district where such person is employed, may extend, effective as of or retroactive to the expiration date of such certificate, such applicable period within which such person shall complete such requirements for such time as to said board seems reasonable, provided not more than one extension shall be granted to such person and, provided further, the record of such person is satisfactory under the provisions of sections 10-145a to 10-145d, inclusive, and this section. For the purposes of section 10-151, any lapse period pursuant to this section shall not constitute a break in employment for such person if reemployed and shall be used for the purpose of calculating continuous employment.

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(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the State Board of Education shall renew a certificate, authorization or permit issued by the board to an individual which expires while the individual is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, or a member of the National Guard when ordered out by the Governor for military service, if the individual submits an application for renewal of such certificate, authorization or permit not later than one year after discharge from such active duty or ordered military service. Such renewal shall be valid for not less than the amount of time the individual was on active duty or ordered out for military service not to exceed the amount of time the original certificate, authorization or permit was valid. Such individual applying for renewal of a certificate, authorization or permit pursuant to this subsection shall submit to the State Board of Education such documentation as the board may require. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to reservists or National Guard members on active duty for annual training that is a regularly scheduled obligation for reservists or members of the National Guard for training which is not a part of mobilization.

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